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Remarks

Applicant's undersigned representative wishes to amend the present to address certain formal matters, namely correction of claim 1 for a lack of antecedent basis for the phrase "the hole pattern" (which now reads "the <u>first opening</u> pattern," for which antecedent basis can be found in claim 1, line 5), and correction of claim 3 to insert a space before the parenthetical unit "(Å)" at the end of the claim. No new matter or new issues requiring substantive examination are introduced by the above Amendment.

Conclusions

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant's undersigned representative respectfully requests entry of the above Amendment. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

If it is deemed helpful or beneficial to the efficient prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted.

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